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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1647

BROWN ET AL.

Examiner: Gucker, Stephen

APPLICATION NO: 09/454,868

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FOR: USE OF THE KCNQ2 AND KCNQ3 GENES FOR THE

DISCOVERY OF AGENTS USEFUL IN THE TREATMENT OF

NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT A

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed March 12, 2003, having a term that expired on June 12, 2003. A Petition for a two (2)-month Extension of Time to extend the time for response to the Official Action up to and including August 12, 2003, together with an authorization to charge the \$410.00 requisite extension fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, is enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks.